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I am most proud to be a Patron of Animal Welfare League Queensland (AWLQ) and to serve with my friend and colleague, Ita Buttrose.

The year past has seen many important steps to maintain the unique role of this wonderful organisation.

During the year 2017-18, some 6,373 animals were rehomed with the help of the League.

AWLQ has continued to keep its promise never to euthanise a healthy, sociable or treatable animal in its care. It is grateful for, and reliant upon, the vital assistance of its 2,550 dedicated foster carers. They provide short-term homes for ill and vulnerable animals. They have done so during the past year.

The national desexing network (NDN) celebrated its 14th year of service to the Australian community the past year. It works with 170 veterinary clinics which are registered nationally with NDN, to offer reduced fees for desexing. Approximately 20,000 desexing referrals were given during the past year. This service reduces needless slaughter and suffering by abandoned and unloved creatures. NDN is also working with 7 local government councils to provide supervised pet desexing in their respective communities. Over the past year AWLQ has assisted with the desexing of just over 43,000 pets. This is a major contribution to the reduction of neglect and suffering.

Also in the past year AWLQ has provided charitable discounts amounting to nearly \$400,000. These have included almost \$140,000 in discounts for desexing and \$300,000 in shelter support services. In addition to this generous discounted work, the AWLQ clinics also issued \$1,360,780 in

payment plans to assist pet owners in financial need. Together this support means that this organisation has been able to continue its vital mission to keep families and their animals together.

To assist with the reduction of high numbers of unwanted animals in the community, our clinics desexed more than 19,000 pets during the financial year in community veterinary clinics. These are marvellous achievements. I pay tribute to Denise Bradley and her team for another year of vital service to kindness to animals in Australia.

This is an organisation I am proud to be associated with as a Patron. It deserves our thanks and support as it approaches the 60th anniversary of outstanding and efficient work for kindness and animal rights.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Patron